

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 1:30 PM

Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room 1-A

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2014

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

B. Information Updates

- Department of Public Health

Grant Application for ER/LA Analgesics REMS - A Live Educational Program
Christian D. Andresen, Section Chief, DPH

- Public Health Hearing Office

Transition to Electronic Transmissions – Marianne Horn, Legal Director, DPH

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division

- Overview

- Prescription Monitoring Program

John Gadea, Director

B. Reinstatement Application

Laura Anissian, MD

Presented by Janine Cordero, License and Applications Specialist, DPH

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Rudy Andriani, MD – Petition No. 2013-1246

Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

B. Erum Shahab, M.D. - Petition No. 2012-336

Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

C. Lora Ann Stephens, D.O. - Petition No. 2013-1085

Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

V. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2012-547

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of May 20, 2014**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Queenie Collins
Anne Doremus
Douglas Fellows, MD
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Andrew Salner, MD
Joel Sorosky, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Allyson Duffy, MD
Jean Rexford

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Andrews and Ms. Doremus who abstained.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Rexford has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Dr. Sadinsky arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:37 p.m.

B. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that a grant has been applied for from the Federation of State Medical Boards to provide an education program regarding long acting and extended release analgesics. If approved the State Medical Society will be a partner in this endeavor.

Ms. Filippone also reported that the online license renewal system is now capable of sending emails to physician licensees.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Residency Equivalency Determinations

i. Matthias Lechner, MD

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Lechner's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky to approve the acceptance of Dr. Lechner's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement Applications

ii. Brian P. Murray, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Brian P. Murray, MD. Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving recommending the reinstatement of Dr. Murray's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Zeman who was opposed and Dr. Monico and Dr. Sorosky who abstained.

B. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Declaratory Ruling concerning commercial motor vehicle medical examinations by chiropractors

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Salton provided an overview of Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners issuance of the declaratory ruling and the process followed by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Dr. Gordon expressed his concerns regarding the ability of chiropractors to perform medical examinations to medically qualify persons for a commercial driver's license.

The Board also expressed its concern that it may have opted to offer comments had it received notice from the Board of Chiropractic Examiners concerning this matter.

Attorney Salton advised that the Board that it had no standing to challenge the Declaratory Ruling, but could pursue the issue of medical examinations by chiropractors with the legislature.

The Board requests that going forward, it receive notice of any other Boards or Commissions intent to issue a declaratory ruling.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Thomas Cocco, MD – Petition No. 2012-404

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and his attorney were present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. McAnaney, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Hodgson, Dr. Fellows and Dr. Wolf who were opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty and a practice restriction.

B. Helar Campos, MD – Petition No. 2012-730

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Jennifer Mullen, Esq.

Dr. Sorosky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi and Dr. Gordon who recused themselves. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a one year probation and a \$5,000.00 civil penalty.

C. Tory Westbrook, MD – Petition No. 2012-187

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to respondent's surrender of his license. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Ms. Loving made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

D. Harvey Weitzman, MD – Petition No. 2011-540

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Zeman, Rabbi Greer and Dr. Gordon who were opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$5,000.00 civil penalty and a reprimand.

V. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Olakunle Oluwole, MD – Continuance requested by respondent due to ongoing hospitalization.
Hearing to be scheduled.

Alkeh Patel, MD – Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

Pamela Borselle (unlicensed) - Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

Iyad Shaham (unlicensed) - Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson